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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-1214; FR ID 58561]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission
Under Delegated Authority

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

**DATES:** Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email PRA@fcc.gov and

to nicole.ongele@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the

information collection, contact Nicole Ongele, (202) 418-2991.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**OMB Control Number:** 3060-1214.

Title: Direct Access to Numbers Order, FCC 15-70, Conditions.

Form Number: N/A.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 30 respondents; 30 responses.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 10-20 hours.

**Frequency of Response:** One-time; on-going and bi-annual reporting requirements.

**Obligation to Respond:** Voluntary. Statutory authority for this information collection is

contained in 47 U.S.C. 251(e)(1).

**Total Annual Burden:** 1,200 hours.

**Total Annual Cost:** No Cost.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: If respondents submit information which respondents

believe is confidential, respondents may request confidential treatment of such information

pursuant to section 0.459 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 0.459.

Needs and Uses: In a June 2015 Report and Order (FCC 15–70), the Commission established

the Numbering Authorization Application process, which allows interconnected VoIP providers

to apply for a blanket authorization from the FCC that, once granted, will allow them to

demonstrate that they have the authority to provide service in specific areas, thus enabling them

to request numbers directly from the Numbering Administrator. This collection covers the

information and certifications that applicants must submit in order to comply with the Numbering

Authorization Application process. The data, information, and documents acquired through this

collection will allow interconnected VoIP providers to obtain numbers with minimal burden or

delay while also preventing providers from obtaining numbers without first demonstrating that

they can deploy and properly utilize such resources. This information will also help the Federal

Communications Commission (FCC) protect against number exhaust while promoting

competitive neutrality among traditional telecommunications carriers and interconnected VoIP

providers by allowing both entities to obtain numbers directly from the Numbering

Administrator. It will further help the FCC to maintain efficient utilization of numbering

resources and ensure that telephone numbers are not being stranded.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary,

Office of the Secretary.

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